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To the Men in the Course of Study

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This number of CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MAGAZINE, through the courtesy of its editor, is devoted largely to the cause of Ministerial Training. It is trite but true that the Church is limited in its usefulness more by the limitations of its preachers than by any other single consideration. Better ministers mean more effective churches, better church members, more of them, faster progress for the Kingdom.

There are many items that go into the making of a good minister. The articles of four of our Bishops, William C. Martin, J. Ralph Magee, James H. Straughn, and William F. Anderson call attention to many of the most important points.

Since they have addressed themselves to the full blossomed minister at various stages of his development, it may be justifiable for this editorial to deal with the man who is yet engaged in the Course of Study. What would I like most to say to these men, some of whom are to be full members of our Conferences, some of whom will always be Accepted Supplies?

First, let me urge you to consider the Course of Study as an educational opportunity and not as an obstacle to be hastily and mechanically overcome with a minimum of effort.

Ignorance at one time may have been an asset to religion, and there are many places still where a trained man is under a handicap because he allows his education, though it may be rather slight, to separate him in sympathy from the humbler of his parishoners. Of course, the man who has kept uppermost in his thinking the real work of his ministry which is redeeming men's lives by bringing them into contact with God through Christ, does not have this difficulty. I am not pleading, therefore, for an education that produces intellectual snobs but for one that equips a minister for better service.

The Course of Study consists of books designed for this purpose. Many of them are not easy especially for the person who has not had much schooling. But two things may be said regarding that:

(a) The task of grasping the books has been greatly simplified by the *Student's Handbook* which every undergraduate should now have in his possession (and every member of the Board of Ministerial Training as well). This has been prepared by some of the best equipped men in the Church and the undergraduate or supply who studies this book carefully

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will find a task which he may have viewed as impossible coming definitely within his powers.

(b) Jesus included in his First Commandment the loving of God with *all one's mind*. If the minister approaches his study of the course with the determination to fulfill that injunction he may make this whole course a thrilling experience of discovery of the truths of God which in turn he may impart with enthusiasm to his congregation. This will be far better than threshing over old straw, getting a few grains of wheat and otherwise throwing dust into people's eyes.

Second, let me say that the devoted follower of Christ need no longer fear the application of the keenest kind of mental criticism to the religion which he loves.

Shall I tell you something autobiographical which I have never told? When I went to enroll in a liberal seminary my first act in my dormitory room was to pray with unusual fervor that I might never allow any teaching given to me there to rob me of my faith in the divine nature of Christ. I discovered in the passing months that there was no particular danger of that. Nobody was trying to rob me of that faith. Nor is anyone today. Scholarship in the Christian field is as much convinced of the supremacy of Christ today as is the most simple and enthusiastic Holy Roller preacher in the back woods of the Appalachians. They express it differently, they define it differently, but in essential matters they give the same prime place to Christ. It is probably safe to say, in fact, that there never has been a time in the history of the world when Christ stood so high in the admiration and adoration of so many millions of men as He does today. The unspeakable destinations to which the world is being carried by the selfishness of men is driving the world to see the majesty and necessity of Christ as never before.

This is a day when ministers of intelligence and conviction are desperately needed. Recently Dr. Ralph W. Sockman in his radio sermon quoted Doctor Henry H. Crane as having introduced someone with the commendatory characterization, "old fashioned in his convictions, strictly modern in his intellectual equipment, ahead of his age in his ideals." If every one of the Methodist ministers of America today were of that kind what a power the Church could be in community, state and nation.

Christian salutations to the men in the Course of Study. May your faithful carrying out of its requirements help you in becoming good ministers of Jesus Christ.

Rancors Away!

We are living in the midst of fomenting hatreds. International antipathies are growing by the week and domestic discords, largely quieted for the moment seem at times to be only waiting for the end of the present war to burst forth with renewed crescendos.

Reflection on conditions of 1919-1921 and immediate efforts to prevent their recurrence are peculiarly in order today. If in America greed again finds expression in the grasping policies of individuals and groups, if race prejudice flames anew, and if religious intolerance prevails, then the building of a sound and lasting peace will be a well-nigh impossible task. It isn't every nation that twice within the same generation is offered oppor-

tunities of such proportions as America let slip at the end of World War I but seems destined to find upon her doorstep again when the present conflict ends. Her influence again will be strategic and she must not be guilty of any short visioned mistakes.

Basically the need, now and henceforth, is for a universal wide group consciousness, a Christian world mindedness, if you please, and an application of the golden rule, and it is to our Christian institutions and our Christian leaders, especially those of the Christian ministry, we look for guidance in the attainment of these essential ends.

For American Christianity, *beyond the peace lies opportunity* and to meet that opportunity we must be schooling ourselves and our leaders now.

B. M. M.

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. . . . and this is just the beginning. Others to be announced later.

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For information, write the National Conference of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tennessee.

Will He Succeed?

BISHOP WILLIAM C. MARTIN*

This word "success," when applied to the Christian ministry, needs to be rescued from the evil influence of certain cheap and superficial associations. I do not mean, will the tides of good fortune carry him to the delightful haven of a prominent city church which pays a big salary?" By this question I mean, "Will the gifts which are his find their fullest development and will he have, through sunshine and storm, the joyous inner consciousness that God's will is finding expression through his life and ministry?" These are questions which come, unbidden, to the mind of the presiding officer of an Annual Conference concerning each man he addresses in the class to be received into "full membership."

What are the essential qualifications for this kind of success? Certain basic requirements are ordinarily taken for granted: reasonable natural endowments, a genuine religious experience, a definite call to the ministry, and adequate scholastic training. When these qualifications are present, there is hope for a successful ministry for the man concerning whom three questions can be answered affirmatively.

First, *Is his faith in God a vital and growing reality?* This is not a question as to how much he knows about God when he begins his ministry. The presumption is that of his own apprehension he will not know a great deal. But such knowledge as he has must be real and genuine. It must be his own. And it must have the capacity for ever-



enlarging growth and development. When a new truth out of the realm of science or history or philosophy comes to him, his knowledge of God must be such as to make room for that truth. Perhaps his greatest peril at this point will be the tendency to fix limitation in his mind as to what God can do. More than once in the long struggle of the race to comprehend the nature of God, theology has found itself becoming stagnant and faint-hearted because the thought-forms in which it was attempting to express itself were obsolete.

A great debt of gratitude is due to daring and reverent pioneers in scientific research like Galileo and Eddington and Carrell who have had the courage to break over the artificial barriers and blaze new trails into more extensive fields of truth. The liberating discoveries of such men, and of others who will come after them, are of value, however, only to the man whose faith in God is spacious enough to make room for new truth. The most inept place in all the world for arrested mental and spiritual development is the Christian ministry.

* Omaha Area, The Methodist Church.

Second, *Does he love people and does he have an undiscourageable faith in the divine qualities of redeemed human nature?* Unless a man can see beneath an unpromising exterior to the deeper and nobler elements of life, there is scant likelihood that he will be very effective in the development of such latent qualities or that he will experience any great degree of joy in the effort. Bishop Quayle used to say, "The world needs appreciators," and certainly there is no area of life in which that need is greater than the Christian ministry. There could scarcely be found a more certain road to failure than for the preacher to entertain a debased idea of the worth of the people to whom he ministers. Such an appraisal cannot be concealed. It will inevitably find expression in all of the relationships which a pastor has with his people. When that attitude is discovered, his day of usefulness, with that congregation, is done.

One of the amazing things about the ministry of Saint Paul was the high regard which he had for the worth of the people to whom he preached—ordinary men and women of Ephesus and Corinth and Rome. He never thought it necessary to preach down to them. To these obscure people, many of whom were recent converts from paganism, he addressed his most profound discourses concerning the nature and mission of the Christian faith. Through his words, "Who is weak and I do not feel his weakness? Whose faith is hurt and I am not aglow with indignation," we feel the pulse-beat of a great affection. Herein, to a large degree, is to be found the secret of his power as a Christian leader. Only as a man genuinely loves people will he recognize their worth and be able to bring to full expression the capaci-

ties for good which, apart from such recognition, would be unsuspected and dormant.

Third, *Does he have a sufficient degree of loyalty to the Church to recognize in it the means which God is using to establish His Kingdom?* Not a blind loyalty which cannot discern the defect of the Church but a devotion to it which keeps his attitude toward it hopeful and constructive rather than censorious and cynical. Few men remain in the Christian ministry for as long as a dozen years without being tempted toward an attitude concerning the church which would rob their ministry of its confidence and enthusiasm. This temptation takes many forms: doubt as to the validity of the doctrines upon which his Church puts major emphasis; serious question concerning the wisdom and justice of its form of government; the feeling that unbrotherliness has been practiced by ministers or laymen in the making of his appointment—these are some of the doors through which a spirit of disloyalty can creep into a man's life to blight the usefulness of his ministry.

Ample evidence that this temptation can be conquered is found in the records written by hundreds of faithful men who have spent most of their lives in serving the so-called "hard places" in their conferences. They believed in their Church; they had confidence in its leaders; they were sure that whatever mistakes had been made in their appointments had been over-ruled for good; there was no suggestion of uncertainty or compromise when they spoke of the vital truths of Christianity; there was no doubt in their hearts as to their commission as God's messengers on whatever frontier they were sent to represent the Church. This was the spirit that matched the daring of the pioneer and, in spite of

all change of circumstance, it is the only spirit which can be relied upon today to set forward the borders of the Kingdom.

To summarize in a sentence: When a Christian man with a fair share of native ability has been called to the ministry and has secured adequate training for the work, he is warranted in looking forward to a successful ministry, if he has a growing faith in God, an undiscourageable belief in man and a confidence that the Church is the agency which God is using to make good the promise of the Gospel to all men.

West Virginia Wesleyan Accredited

At the annual meeting of the North Central Association the latter part of March, West Virginia Wesleyan College, Buckannon, W. Va., was accredited and admitted to membership in the Association.

Lon Morris College Approaches Goal

President C. E. Peoples of Lon Morris College announces that he has secured \$14,000 of \$18,000 sought for the payment of all floating obligations of the college. The remaining amount is certain to be secured by April 15. President Peoples says that this effort has been so well received that it is being considered as a sort of curtain raiser for a more pretentious effort in the interest of the College in the not far distant future.

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If a minister is to serve effectively he must be well educated; equally important, he must get over being educated.

*J. R. Whitaker,
Peabody College.*

The Christian College

BY ROBERT A. MILLIKAN

It is quite generally agreed that if the free, representative, American way of life is to be maintained in the United States, it will be because we resist in every way possible the present tendencies toward over-centralization in Washington, and consequent federal-government control, in as many of the phases of American life as do not demand centralization.

Education is by all odds the largest business in the United States. It is the one in which there is the least excuse for centralization and in which federal control would be most disastrous. I, therefore, look upon the private schools of higher education as the spearhead of the effort to maintain the American way of life. These private schools in the great majority of instances have had their inception and their motivation in religious organizations. The maintenance of these colleges, which are in their very nature independent of all political influences, I regard, then, as one of the most vital needs for the preservation of America.

The Christian Observer.

Two prominent churchmen, Dr. Ernest F. Tittle, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Evanston, and Bishop Ernest L. Waldorf, of the Chicago area of The Methodist Church, have been appointed to the Board of Religion of Northwestern University, it is announced by President Franklyn B. Snyder.

"Christian people must face the hard problem of nations living together in peace. This will involve the study of economics, political and racial differences and adaptations"—Dawson Bryan in November, 1941 *Church Management*.

The Kind of Man I Like to See in One of My Conferences at the Age of Forty

BISHOP J. RALPH MAGEE*

It is a somewhat risky venture for me to write on "The Kind of Man I Like to See in One of My Conferences at the Age of Forty." There are two grave dangers. First, the knowledge that my friends and I know I was not this kind at forty, and am not even now. Second, to state my total views lifts an ideal no one person can attain in a life time.

It is only because this article has been requested, therefore, that I am willing to write some things that experience and observation have pointed out. I trust these ideals may prove to be a goal toward which I may move along with others.

Inasmuch as the physical is the least imperative requirement, although extremely important, I will begin with this. Here is an observation which should be as challenging as it is obvious. The minister should be clean of body, finger nails and all. He should be well groomed, clothes pressed, shoes shined, linen laundered. As a matter of efficiency, if for nothing else, the minister should take sufficient care as to his eating, adequate exercise, ample but not over much rest, so his body will be flexible, agile and energetic even as the years run into age. He should look well fed, but not corn fed. Again for effectiveness he should learn to relax completely several times a day, if only for a moment, and this while



in the midst of his work. This conserves nervous energy and keeps one better natured. The minister should be the best natured man in town.

The mental challenge of the preacher is tremendous. He need not be highly specialized in any particular field of learning, except religion, but he does need a very broad base of reading and knowledge. The minister cannot hope to be trained highly enough to educate all the specialists who attend his church. Intellectual specialists will avoid church services unless the preacher sticks to his own specialty of preaching a soul lifting gospel. He should have accurate enough knowledge in many fields so the diverse minds in his congregation may recognize him as at least aware of the existence of their interests. When the minister uses an illustration it is frequently in the line of somebody's specialty, he should be, therefore, so sure as to its accuracy that the expert in the field may recognize the speaker as of trustworthy habits of study, and thereby have a greater confidence in

* Des Moines Area, The Methodist Church.

him. He also should be well enough informed to ask intelligent questions in a host of fields, scholastic and work-a-day, so he may increase his store of knowledge. Let him never be as ignorant as the minister who asked the farmer how many bushels of hay he raised. The minister should possess a keen curiosity, and thus even the humblest can become his teacher in the things with which they are familiar and the minister is not.

The minister should train his mind in penetrating discernment, in intelligent understanding, and in wisdom which latter is the ability to utilize what he does know. The mind should be trained to think so clearly that even a great thought may be presented lucidly enough that a child may understand it. The minister can and should give evidence of culture, and scholastic resources, without appearing pedantic. He should think on high levels, and express his thoughts in the language of the group before whom he stands. His utterances should be arranged in logical sequence and finally arrive at a definite point.

I said above, the minister should read largely, but he should never permit his reading to stifle his own thinking. Reading should produce creative thought. He should not be a compiler, but a producer of original thought. It is far more important for his congregation to carry home a penetrating Christian idea for meditation than that it be impressed with the volume of his encyclopedic knowledge. His knowledge should take on human-interest color so his ideas are dramatized in words. People remember mental pictures, but few remember abstract thoughts.

It will stand the minister in good stead if he has a sense of humor of the kindlier sort. Humor with a cut in it can wreck a ministry. Most

people not only need some occasional humor to lighten the loads of life, but they are aroused in their interest by a flash of wit. In spite of this, the funster or excessive joker loses caste and ultimately the people will not take him seriously.

I believe the minister should gain, by the time he is forty, an excellent emotional balance, and at the same time be emotionally creative, and emotionally responsive. The emotions are recognized as the motivating power of personality. Many people live their lives activated only by their emotions. These become the pawns of quacks, swindlers, grafters and a whole array of chisellers, as well as legitimate and illegitimate advertisers. These poor dupes are not to be criticized but aided. Their emotional susceptibility is often due to poor home training, to unworthy suggestions, to overestimated fears which produce bad mental complexes. The minister must have a strong Christian emotional appeal which ties these people definitely and intelligently with God. The minister's emotions, if of the right sort, also will give color, perspective and persuasiveness to otherwise drab abstractions. I am thinking of the minister's emotions as appreciation of the best in the creative work of men and of men's God. The minister should be appreciative of good music and art and of the highest and purest imagination in fiction and verse.

Those even lovelier emotions of forbearance with those who differ from us, of kindness, of thoughtfulness, of good will, of forgiveness, of love for God's people, including those who are forgotten in life's hard struggles, are imperatives of the Christian. The daily living of these emotions can preach more eloquent and more lasting sermons than any minister's lips will ever utter.

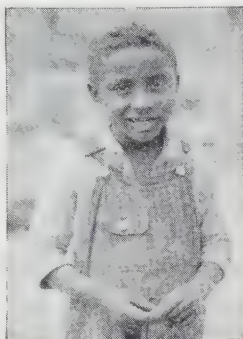
I now turn to another form of ministerial qualifications. The minister should be a believer in and a promoter of the total enterprise of the Church. In a connectional system a man should hardly hold a single judgment as against the provisions of the General Conference. If he desires to advocate a change it is his free American privilege but when the General Conference speaks he should conform.

To do this he must learn to budget his time or he will become a temporal opportunist. The opportunist is dangerous not only to those with whom he deals but the practice of opportunism will vitiate his own personality. Many a promising man has ruined his career because he made bad use of his time. All he did may have been important and valuable, but with no scheduled plan he wasted valuable hours. A time budget will, of course, need to be adjusted occasionally just as a financial budget does. In neither case does the readjustment add one iota to the original time, or money, available. It does mean that the main necessities are ever before one. The whole time should be budgeted just as the whole income is budgeted.

By budgeting time the minister will have a place to care for organization, finance (World Service and Conference Benevolences included), education (Church School, pastor's training class, youth and adult), visiting and interviewing. These all need elaboration but that was not the purpose of this particular article so we must forego that. We have tried to picture in outline a strong and effective minister at forty years of age.

Snead College (Boaz, Ala.) features a self-help vocational program. It is the only Methodist Junior College in the state of Alabama.

Expects to Attend College



Many of the readers of CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MAGAZINE will recall the accompanying picture which was extensively used in the Race Relations Day literature

in 1941. It is a likeness of John T. Taylor, Jr., whose father is a farmer and substantial citizen and churchman residing near Victoria, Mississippi. The picture was secured and made available for use in Race Relations Day promotion by Dr. L. W. McCoy, President of Rust College, Holly Springs, Mississippi.

An interesting sequel to the use of the little fellow's picture is recounted in a recent letter from him to Dr. McCoy. It not only tells a human interest story but it reflects the kindling of ambition within the boy himself. The letter follows:

"Hope you are well as we all are O.K.—hope the same to you.

"Now, Dr. McCoy, I am sending you \$1 on Rust College School. A lady sent me \$1 last year from New York City. I bought me a hen. I raised some chickens and I sold some and I am sending this to the School. I am trying every day so in a few years I will be ready for Rust. As long as my chickens do well I will always help Rust College."

Readers of the MAGAZINE will be glad to know that remittances of Race Relations Day funds are coming into the Board offices in a most gratifying manner.

The Preacher at Sixty

BISHOP JAMES H. STRAUGHN*

Here's the longer topic assigned: "The Kind of Man You Like to See in One of Your Conferences When He Has Reached the Age of Sixty."

At sixty the preacher is at a third crisis. The first, when he starts out; the second in the middle forties at the height of his powers; the third at sixty when he says he's just as good, if not better than ever. He may be, but the probability is that he isn't; in any event everybody else is skeptical about it. This is particularly true of the older laymen for they are the ones who most insistently clamor for younger men. Perhaps if the age deterioration thesis were applied to them—if it were suggested that *they* had slipped and should be backed against the wall and shot—they'd scream bloody murder. Anyway, at sixty the preacher is at a crisis for he must at that age begin to admit to himself certain disagreeable possibilities.

Of course time has done its duty. Physically the average man at sixty is not so vigorous as at forty. But this need not disqualify him, for the best there may be in the matter of appointments. Challenging opportunities can still be open to him; he may have gained capacities and qualities not at all possessed at a lesser age.

First of all, what I like to see in a man at sixty, is that quality of being alive. I don't mean bodily, although with care and good fortune he need not be on crutches at that age. I mean mentally. Many men begin to fold up intellectually after about ten years work. The process begins with the change in



appointments and the almost irresistible temptation to be preaching sermons already on hand—at best merely rehashing them. The preacher fools himself. He thinks those sermons are good. Maybe they are. But being a person with a conscience he knows he's not being intellectually honest with his people. And that lets him down, almost unconsciously. Pastoral duties, home obligations, community calls, hobbies, tinkering with the old bus, always having time to go fishing—these play havoc with him. At sixty he's through and he doesn't know why, nor can he be told. His body may be all right. Perhaps he can do as much work as ever. His body is alive, but his mind is dead.

The fact is, at sixty, a man has to work much harder than formerly. When he is young—ah me! How our church people love the young preacher. He sometimes thinks it's something else that makes people indulgent and kind to him. But, likely it's just his youth. At sixty—look out. Then a minister is entirely on his own.

But about that preaching. I knew

*Pittsburgh Area, The Methodist Church.

a young man, whether in the body or out of his head, who got so mad at himself with those old sermons that he grabbed the whole lot and not giving himself time to change his mind, twice in his ministry, threw the whole mess into the furnace. Later on, telling a preacher friend about it, came the reply—"I would not do that for the world; I'd be burning the very best I'd ever thought." He'd ever thought! That's just it.

The age of sixty is a time of spiritual crisis as well. So much, so very much, has become an acceptance, is simply taken for granted. The probability is that the average preacher did very much more praying, Bible reading, meditation, in his younger ministry than he has kept up. With sixty something of the edge, desire, idealism, enthusiasm, confidence, ambition for spiritual excellence, is worn down, or worn off altogether. Church services become formalities; the passion for the lost sheep in the wilderness has become an empty formula.

In the Preachers' Meeting one day, they were testifying as to the years gone. One of them, who in his youth had been a great soul winner said, most pathetically—"I lost my power when I lost my tears." Why should we not expect growth in grace, deeper spiritual life, as we grow older. Does acquaintance with God and contact with spiritual affairs cool us off, cheapen our calling—or is it that we have given ourselves up to too many "things," sometimes of a worldly character, or to an overweening ambition for place and position, perhaps with consequent disappointment. When the ministry becomes a career—woe are we! Preachers, just as much as anyone else, must work to save their own souls. Being a preacher may become a false security.

At sixty the preacher should be the best Annual Conference man ever. This is where the Church lives—it is called the basic body of the Church. He should be in its affairs up to his neck, know all about its program, the various boards and agencies, all the personalities belonging to it, the various local churches which are its body. His experience through the years should bring him not only fitness to serve but a genuine sympathy in facing every problem.

Sympathy? There is a fine tradition in the fellowship of the Methodist ministry, but even here because of cross currents, desire for preference both in elections and appointments, almost anything can happen unless we are on guard. At sixty, with possible frustrations and some keen disappointments behind us, with only twelve more years to go, at sixty our ministry can be wrecked. But finding the fellow who refuses to make frustration the measure of his soul, who still sees the glory of the cross, his own as well as that of his Lord, this good man at sixty, loving and believing in his fellow preachers, doing his work with a contented spirit, thankful for the chance to preach at all—it may be anywhere—this man is the joy of his Church and the Son of the Most High.

Emory and Henry College (Emory, Va.) was restored to the fully accredited list by the Southern Association of Colleges at its 1941 meeting in Louisville, Ky. Due to loss by fire, in 1928, of the administration building, and the subsequent depression years, the financial condition of Emory and Henry has been such that the college was placed on conditional membership by the Southern Association.

A Thoroughbred from the Ranks

BISHOP WILLIAM FRANKLIN ANDERSON*

I am asked to describe the kind of minister I like to find at seventy-two, the age of retirement. I am glad to be definite even to the naming of my man.

A few years ago when assigned to hold the session of the Northwest Kansas Conference, I discovered there such a man clothed in actual flesh and blood. His name was James Kerr, seventy-nine years young, who was appointed to speak to the Conference in behalf of the retired group numbering over fifty men. Extreme modesty marked his manner. On being presented, he stood erect, straight as an arrow, incisive in thought and language as a sunbeam. He proceeded somewhat as follows:

"Members of the Conference, I have not in years past taken much of your time nor shall I take much this morning. When I was given the retired relation I decided that I should have a personal creed suitable to that relation. I know something of the historic Creeds of the Church but I wanted something definite, practical, personal, so I sat me down and wrote a creed of my own in four articles. Here they are:

"First: I Will Never Be a Grouch.

"Second: I Will Always Be a Student.

"Third: I Will Think Every Day of Those Who Have Gone Before and so I Will Link the Future Life with the Present, for I Find I Need 'The Power



of an Endless Life,' that I May Live This Life Well.

"Fourth: I Will Try to Keep Alive as Long as I Live."

In eight or ten minutes the good man brought his message so chock full of sound philosophy and good theology mingled with wit and wisdom that we had then and there one of the most inspiring sessions of an Annual Conference that I ever witnessed in half a century of attendance upon these bodies.

Let us glance at his creed, First: "I Will Never Be a Grouch."

Of course every man must act for himself. But the choice of a life philosophy is serious business. Eternal destiny is in our moral choices. Plato declared an unconsidered life is not worth living. Why in reason's name should any man choose to be a grouch?

In the suburb of a great city in New England there lived a prominent business man who was plagued periodically with grouchiness. Having a spacious lot adjoining his residence he built in the rear a small house, known throughout the community as the Grouch House to which he resorted at such times and there lived alone until he recovered from his bad temper.

In thus separating himself from his family he gave the world unconsciously an interpretation of the result of grouchiness. Grouchiness

* Retired.

is discord—lack of harmony. It separates a man first of all, as in this instance, from his closest human ties. And that divisiveness reaches out into all human relationships. A grouch becomes a nuisance, a bore; nobody seeks his company, nobody desires his presence. The result is a habit formed in him little by little which breaks his unity with the universe. What a misfortune for a man to be thus out of joint with himself, his family, his friends, the world in which he lives and with the good God!

Let every preacher resolve with James Kerr: "I Will Never Be a Grouch."

Second: "I Will Always Be a Student."

In my early ministry I lived neighbor to an aged minister widely known for his virile emphasis upon spiritual reality. He was of kindred spirit with James Kerr. He had not had a college education but he certainly was an honor student in Life's Great School of Experience. Everything about him was big. He had a big frame, big features, a big voice, a noble dome, big conceptions of the possibilities of Christian personality and of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

His name was Benjamin M. Adams. He it was who inspired Anna B. Warner to write the hymn, "One More Day's Work for Jesus."

I invited him to spend a Sunday with us and to preach for me because I wanted to rub up against his bigness and get some of it for myself. In the course of the morning sermon he told of having met an old friend whom he had not seen for a period of about forty years, "My friend said to me. Well, Adams, it has been a long time since we met. As I have thought of you lately I have said to myself, If I ever meet Adams again I shall find

him an old man but here you are well toward eighty with the glow of morning in your cheek, the elasticity of youth in your step, and with that alertness in your mental facilities that marks a man in the prime and vigor of his life. Really you are a marvel to me. How have you ever done it?" He answered, "Why bless your soul man! The Eternal life has struck me."

So it had—and from that statement he evolved the general principle. "If you want to retain a young heart and remain an enthusiast all your life ever keep living on the line of discovery." I salted down that fine bit of wisdom in my own mentality and have lived by it more than forty years. It is a golden truth, I recommend it heartily to preachers everywhere.

The question of old age is not so much a question of years as of mental attitude; not so much a question as to the color or quantity of a man's hair as the question of what he keeps under his hair. The man who ever lives on the line of discovery, who keeps always learning something new has the remedy for the defeat of old age decay.

It is said that on the tomb of John Richard Green the greatest of English historians is this inscription. "He died learning." That is what James Kerr did. That is what Benjamin M. Adams did. That is what every man should do.

Third: "I Will Think Every Day of Those Who Have Gone Before and so I Will Link the Future Life with the Present for I Find I Need, 'The Power of an Endless Life,' that I May Live This Life Well."

This truth which our hero had extracted from life's experiences is of the greatest value. "This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast and which

entereth into that which is within the veil."

It is needful that our Christian teaching should emphasize the point that the Eternal Life is a matter of quality and not of duration only.

Again and again Jesus referred to the Eternal life as a present possession. Jesus alone has revealed to us the secret of the nature of life. He is the spiritual genius of the race and He has penetrated the mind and life of God more deeply than all other teachers. He says life is knowledge of God.

World conditions call for a new emphasis by all teachers of truth upon immortality. As the demon war takes its tragic toll from the flower of the youth of all lands there will be, indeed even now are, millions upon millions of stricken souls who will cry out for someone to speak with assurance upon this vital subject. This situation is religion's opportunity. It is a challenge to every preacher.

Fourth: "I Will Try to Keep Alive as Long as I Live."

Bravo James Kerr! Good for you! There he stood uttering these fine words which he elaborated with grace and dignity and it was all with a glow of fine humor tempered by spiritual virile wholesomeness. He was evidently the admiration of all his brethren—a veritable Ulysses clothed in the armor of the Grace of God. The memory of it all is vivid and appealing. Do you wonder that I lost my heart to this good man and that I like to perpetuate his fine example? I confess to a strong and growing admiration for his type. The Church owes a large debt of gratitude to such faithful and devoted ministers who toil on patiently in inconspicuous fields and who form the rank and file of our ministry, who by their example keep faith alive in our multitudes of God fear-

ing people. Here we have the picture of this good man at seventy-nine yearning eagerly for deeper, fuller life.

His attitude reminds one of the fine words spoken by Victor Hugo upon the celebration of his seventy-fifth birthday, in 1877.

"I feel in myself the future life. I am like a forest once cut down. The new shoots are stronger and livelier than ever. I am rising, I know, toward the sky. The sunshine is on my head. The earth gives me its generous sap, but heaven lights me with the reflection of unknown worlds. You say that the soul is nothing but the resultant of bodily powers. Why then is my soul more luminous when my body begins to fail? Winter is on my head, but eternal spring is in my heart. There I breathe at this hour the fragrance of the lilacs, the violets, and the roses, as at twenty years.' The nearer I approach the end, the plainer I hear around me the immortal symphonies of the worlds which invite me. It is marvelous, yet simple. It is a fairy tale, and it is history. For half a century I have been writing my thoughts in prose and verse, history, philosophy, drama, romance, tradition, satire, ode, and song—I have tried them all. But I feel I have not said the thousandth part of what is in me. When I go down to the grave I can say like many others, 'I have finished my day's work,' but I can not say 'I have finished my life.' My day's work will begin again the next morning. The tomb is not a blind alley; it is a thoroughfare. It closes on the twilight to open with the dawn."

Willamette University, Salem, Ore., has inaugurated voluntary chapel attendance for its students.

Summer Schools of Ministerial Training

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<i>Jurisdiction</i>	<i>Date*</i>	<i>Name of School Place of Meeting</i>	<i>Dean</i>
Northeastern	June 15-19	NEW YORK Drew Seminary Carmel, N. Y.	E. G. Wahl
	June 22-27	PITTSBURGH AREA W. Va. Wesleyan College Buckhannon, W. Va.	Frank S. McKnight
	June 29- July 3	PHILADELPHIA CON- FERENCE Ocean Grove New Jersey	A. K. Smith
	July 6-10	BALTIMORE CONFER- ENCE Westminster Seminary Westminster, Maryland	J. T. Spicknall
	July 6-10	CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA Dickinson Junior College Williamsport, Penn.	R. R. Lehman
	July 6-10	TROY Green Mountain Junior College Poultney, Vermont	H. C. Ackley
	Aug. 31- Sept. 4	MAINE Y. M. C. A. Camp Lake Cobbosseecontee, Me.	A. A. Callaghan
	Aug. 31- Sept. 5	SYRACUSE AREA (un- dergraduate) Demster Grove, N. Y.	E. Starks Beebe
	Sept. 7-11	NEW ENGLAND Wilbraham Academy Wilbraham, Mass.	Charles W. Jeffras
Southeastern	Sept. 7-11	SYRACUSE AREA Syracuse University Syracuse, N. Y.	Charles W. Flint (Honorary Dean)
	June 1-6	GEORGIA Wesleyan College Macon, Georgia	Lester Rumble
	June 8-13	NORTH CAROLINA Duke University Durham, N. C.	J. M. Ormond
	June 15-20	KENTUCKY-LOUIS- VILLE Kentucky-Wesleyan Winchester, Ky.	W. I. Munday
	June 15-20	BILOXI Seashore Methodist Assem- bly Grounds Biloxi, Miss.	Otto Porter

*For graduate school. In many instances the undergraduate school extends beyond or begins earlier.

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	June 22-27	TENNESSEE Beersheba Springs Tennessee	H. T. Tipps
	June 22-27	SOUTH CAROLINA Columbia College Columbia, S. C.	Fritz C. Beach
	June 22-27	HOLSTON Sullins College Bristol, Virginia	F. B. Shelton
	July 6-10	NORTH ALABAMA Sneed Junior College Boaz, Alabama	V. H. Hawkins
Central	June 9-18	GULFSIDE Waveland, Mississippi	J. Leonard Farmer
	June 15-25	CLAFLIN Clafin University Orangeburg, S. C.	N. W. Greene
	June 16-26	COLUMBUS AREA Philander Smith College Little Rock, Arkansas	M. W. Clair, Jr.
	June 30- July 10	BALTIMORE AREA Morristown College Morristown, Tenn.	F. J. Handy
North Central	April 27- May 1	MICHIGAN-DETROIT Central Methodist Church Lansing, Michigan	Marshall R. Reed (Graduate) A. H. Pellowe (Undergraduate)
	June 8-12	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS McKendree College Lebanon, Illinois	Albert R. Ransom
	June 29- July 3	IOWA-SOUTH DAKOTA Simpson College Indianola, Iowa	W. M. Scheuermann (Acting Dean)
	July 6-10	MINNESOTA Hamline University St. Paul, Minn.	Paul J. Snyder
	July 6-10	WISCONSIN Lawrence College Appleton, Wisconsin	Harry S. Wise
	July 19-25	MICHIGAMME Michigamme Epworth League Institute Grounds Michigamme, Mich.	E. K. Seymour
	Aug. 10-15	NORTH DAKOTA Wesley College Grand Forks, N. D.	John C. Irwin
	Aug. 24-28	ILLINOIS Illinois Wesleyan University Bloomington, Illinois	Charles H. Thrall
	Aug. 31- Sept. 4	INDIANA AREA Purdue University W. Lafayette, Indiana	W. C. Hartinger
	Aug. 31- Sept. 5	CINCINNATI AREA Ohio Wesleyan Delaware, Ohio	John H. Blackburn

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South Central	June 1-5	NEBRASKA Nebraska Wesleyan Lincoln, Nebr.	V. C. Wright
	June 1-12	SOUTHWESTERN TEXAS Southwestern University Georgetown, Texas	John W. Bergin
	June 1-12	ARKANSAS Hendrix College Conway, Arkansas	C. M. Revcs
	June 8-12	LOUISIANA Centenary College Shreveport, La.	B. C. Taylor
	June 8-13	MISSOURI Central College Fayette, Missouri	Harry P. Hunter
	June 15-19	CENTRAL KANSAS Kansas Wesleyan University Salina, Kansas	Paul D. Womeldorf
	June 15-19	KANSAS Baker University Baldwin, Kansas	O. E. Allison
	June 15-26	TEXAS (Dallas) S.M.U. Dallas, Texas	Robert W. Goodloe
	June 22-27	OKLAHOMA Oklahoma City University Oklahoma City, Okla.	A. Norman Evans (Graduate) W. C. Heaton (Undergraduate)
Western	July 28- Aug. 5	PORTLAND AREA College of Puget Sound Tacoma, Washington	Edward H. Todd
<i>Foreign Schools:</i>		Foochow Area School Foochow, China	Shantung Conference China
		Malayan Sibu, Sarawak, Borneo	Shanghai Area China
		Singapore Kuala Lumpur, Malaya	Buenos Aires, South America
		Philippine Islands Manila	Mexico, Mexico City, Mexico

Minister's Week at Millsaps College

Unique in the program of an undergraduate institution, Ministers' Week at Millsaps College, Jackson, Mississippi, brought more than fifty per cent of the three hundred Methodist ministers of Mississippi to the campus February 23-25. Program headliners were Bishop Paul B. Kern, of Nashville, who served as the platform speaker, and Doctor A. J. Walton, of the Board of Missions staff, New York City, who conducted the workshop period. The theme of the Conference was "The Kingdom of God Is Within You," and these two leaders complemented each other excellently in its development.

Doctor Fagan Thompson, of Jackson, was in charge of the music and other conference leaders were: Doctor M. L. Smith, President of Millsaps College; Doctor Henry Bullock, head of the Department of Religion in the College; and Miss

Virginia Thomas, associate in that Department.

Marked enthusiasm was expressed by all for the Conference and already insistent demands have been received by the College for the scheduling of a similar gathering next year.

A Call for Caravaners

Due partly to the present emergency but chiefly to its own overwhelming popularity throughout the Church the Youth Caravan Movement faces the possible embarrassment of being unable to provide the number of Caravans tentatively promised. During the winter requests for more than one hundred and fifty Caravan teams rolled in from the Annual Conferences. Wherever it seemed possible curtailments were made in granting these requests but approximately one hundred teams were promised.

This means that four hundred young people of choice quality will



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be needed for Caravan service during eight weeks of the coming summer. For the young people themselves Caravaning means personal growth, the delights of travel and of meeting hundreds of new people, and the satisfaction that comes from service rendered. For the local churches served by Caravans it means a brighter future in many respects and immediate results in terms of stronger programs of, for and by their young people. For the Church at large, Caravaning means greater recognition of existing needs and opportunities, more enthusiasm and intelligence in meeting them and the promise of more effective future leadership as Caravaners of today become adults of tomorrow.

Pastors and other church leaders are urged to call the possibilities of Caravaning to the attention of their most outstanding young people and to recommend that they file their applications.

Address all inquiries and applications to Doctor Harvey C. Brown, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tennessee.

In response to the government emphasis on food production, Baker University (Baldwin, Kans.) is negotiating with the county agricultural agent and the Extension Service of the State College of Agriculture for a variety of agricultural short courses to be held on Baker's campus. Many farmers in the surrounding community have already expressed interest in the courses.

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A film showing life on the campus of West Virginia Wesleyan College, Buchanan, W. Va., will be released in the spring. Presented in the manner of "March of Time" the picture will be one hour long and will have no plot but will have continuity.

New Guidance Pamphlet

"Around the Calendar with Higher Education" is the title of a new and attractive two-color pamphlet recently issued by the Division of Educational Institutions. It is designed for distribution to pastors, district superintendents, conference staff members, local church school superintendents, and chairmen of local church boards of education.

A bronze medal has been authorized by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission, Pittsburgh, Pa., to Wallace Earl Clendenen, 20, student at Tennessee Wesleyan College, Athens, Tennessee, for his rescue of a drowning fellow student, Marvin B. Gass, 20, of Atlanta, Georgia, May 10, 1941.

Both boys are ministerial students of Tennessee Wesleyan College.

Clendenen saved Gass from drowning in Bald River near Tellico Plains, Tennessee, where members of the Christian Service Club had gone on a day's outing.

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Dr. Edwin R. Embree, president of the Julius Rosenwald Fund, Chicago, Illinois, delivered the Thirfield Lectures on Preaching, Social Service, and Interracial Good Will at Gammon Theological Seminary in February. The general theme of the lectures was "The Race Problem in an Emerging World Society."

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At the request of the United States Government, Mrs. G. H. Mason, head librarian, Wiley College (Marshall, Tex.) has been granted leave of absence to act as librarian at one of the army camps.

Book Reviews

The Student's Handbook. General Conference Commission on Courses of Study of The Methodist Church. Methodist Publishing House, 1941. 459 pages, \$1.50.

The *Handbook* has an excellent introductory chapter on the preacher's wise use of his time for self-improvement. It then presents in outline form for study and written assignment some fifty-one units distributed in the fields of theological training as follows: Biblical, twelve units; Historical, ten; Doctrinal, seven; Practical, twenty-two. Of course it is Methodist. The Practical and Historical courses incline very much in that direction. But non-Methodists, such as Charles R. Brown, Fosdick, Pratt, Beaven, Latourette, have also been given a place by the use of their texts. And there is one course on Martin Luther to help balance John Wesley. Opinion will differ as to the emphasis within the fields of study.

Since the *Handbook* will quite likely be used to large extent by rural and village pastors, more attention might have been given in the Practical Field to the Rural Church. Nevertheless, the *Handbook* is certainly a landmark in Ministerial Education. If the Theological Seminary Course has become the standard of ministerial training, the Methodists are doing a fine service for those who are denied that training.

Montgomery J. Shroyer,
Westminster, Md.

In This Generation—by Ruth Wilder Braisted; Friendship Press, New York; 1941; 205 pages; \$1.25.

"The story of Robert R. Wilder," by his daughter, Ruth Wilder Braisted. She calls it "a portrait rather than a detailed biography." It is fitting that John R. Mott, friend and partner in a great movement

for more than half a century, should write the "Foreword." He says, "The life and work of Robert Wilder is a convincing demonstration of what God can do with a life placed at his disposal and dominated with the world-wide vision and purpose of Jesus Christ." The story, having genuine inspirational value and interesting to the point of fascination, emphasizes a type of mysticism conspicuous for its absence today.

As an honor student in Princeton, Wilder caught a vision which ripened into the Student Volunteer Movement. His unique emphasis, "Have you got the call to stay at home?" together with his burning message, sent hundreds, perhaps thousands, into the mission field.

This man's indomitable faith, belief in prayer, wholesome mysticism, Christlike attitude, and power in "personal work," are the continuity running through the story. That he was largely instrumental in producing a wave of religious fervor in the colleges, such as has not been seen before nor since, is clearly set forth without boasting.

H. W. McPherson.

Ten professors of Bible in institutions of higher learning who took their doctors' degrees under Prof. William Jackson Lowstutter, in Boston University school of theology, have combined talents to write an essay each on a vital Biblical theme. The symposium will honor Professor Lowstutter's coming retirement and will be published by Abingdon-Cokesbury Press under the title "New Testament Studies."

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Endowment Fund of Baker University (Baldwin, Kans.) has been recently increased by \$2,000 donated by Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Altemus, Strong City, Kans. The amount is to be known as the Mr. and Mrs. Altemus Memorial Fund and is to be used to aid ministerial students.

THE DEPARTMENT OF *The Methodist Student Movement*

Regional Student Leadership Training Conferences

The Methodist Student Movement, as in all other phases of the work of the church, finds it necessary to make adjustments in the light of the current world situation. This will be especially true this coming summer, when student groups will be facing unusual conditions with reference to the program of training conferences and other phases of summer work. The philosophy of the Methodist Student movement is that we need each other in Christian fellowship now, more than at any time during the history of the Movement. Students need that which the Church can give. Students need the clarification that comes from the fellowship and understanding that is developed in the summer conferences. Therefore, the Methodist Student Movement, insofar as it is at all possible, will go forward in doing its regular work during the summer of 1942.

In this connection, Regional Leadership Training Conferences have been planned as follows:

DATES	PLACES	DEANS
June 8-13	Lake Junaluska, N. C.	R. C. Singleton
June 8-13	Baker University, Baldwin, Kan.	L. F. Sensabaugh
June 15-20	Epworth Forest, Indiana	G. S. Nichols
June 15-20	San Anselmo, California	Herman Beimfohr

Plans for the Regional Conferences were inaugurated at the meeting of the Methodist Student Commission (composed of the presidents of the state and regional groups) at Baker University, Baldwin, Kansas, last summer. During the course of the school year, a Program Planning Committee, working with the Student Commission, has been developing plans for the Regional Conferences. There will be certain basic factors in regard to the Conferences, as follows:

In planning for their leadership, the students felt that they desired again to make a careful study of the Bible, in order that they may better understand the source of their own faith and belief. In addition, the students felt that it is highly necessary in these days for them to understand thoroughly the essentials of faith for Christian living. The students also desired that the programs for the conferences be prepared in such a way that they would be as adaptable as possible to the current world situation.

The commissions they have planned for the conference are as follows: The Student in the Post-War World; Techniques in Student Work for New Officers in Local Units; Disciplined Life and Personal Religious Living; The Christian Attitude in the Crisis; Creative Recreation in Christian Reconstruction; The World Christian Community and Reconstruction; and Program Planning for the Methodist Student Movement.

Among the persons who have been secured for leadership in the Con-

ferences are: Dr. Harold Bosley, Baltimore, Maryland; Dr. N. C. McPherson, of Atlanta, Georgia; Dr. Clarence Tucker Craig, of Oberlin, Ohio; Dean W. J. Faulkner of Fisk University; Dr. Paul Schilpp, of Northwestern University; Dr. Allan Hunter, of Los Angeles; Dr. Georgia Harkness, Mrs. Lenore Porter and DeWitt Baldwin, national student secretaries of the Board of Missions, and Harold A. Ehrensperger, Harvey C. Brown, and H. D. Bollinger of the Department of Student Work of the Board of Education.

Summer Opportunities for Graduate Study

The Methodist Student Movement, through the Student Department of the Division of Educational Institutions of the Board of Education of The Methodist Church, working in co-operation with Emory University, Garrett Biblical Institute, and the University of Southern California, is offering exceptional and unusual opportunity for the summer training of university religious leadership.

The courses are offered for pastors in pulpits who are preaching to college students, for directors of student religious life, for adult counselors to students, for special workers among students in Wesley Foundations, and for those who desire to enter such work in the future. The courses offered are on a graduate level and may be applied on graduate degrees in theology or religious education.

Religion will be defined, not as one aspect of the student's life, but as a Way of Life and quality of his entire evaluational experience. Conduct expressions of student religious life, in personal devotions, projects

of service and church life and activity will be studied.

There will be a brief survey of the program of student religious work on the American college campus. It will include a study of the student work of the church and other religious agencies that exist to meet the religious needs of students.

Practical program suggestions for a local student situation will be offered and evaluated. This will include a brief survey of program materials that are available and can be recommended.

The relationship of the adult counselor (pastor, Wesley Foundation director, special worker, etc.), to the growing experience of the student group, will be studied. Special consideration will be given to the relationship of the adult counselor to the Student Council in its influence and relationship to the larger group.

The courses that are to be given and the instructors for each are as follows:

Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Illinois.

Religious Education SC27—Religious Leadership Among College Students, June 15-July 17, H. D. Bollinger.

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California.

Course 160—Leadership Training for Student Religious Work, August 1-September 5, Herman N. Beimfohr

Emory University, Emory University, Georgia.

D.370—Religion in Higher Education, June 15-July 23, Henry M. Johnson,

D.372—The Church's Ministry to College Students, June 15-July 23, N. C. McPherson, Jr.

CAMPUS NEWS

Emory-Agnes Scott Raise Ten Million for Southern University Center Plan

A ten-million-dollar investment in the human resources of the South went to work when Emory University (Methodist) and Agnes Scott College (Presbyterian) achieved their goal in the first phase of a movement to develop a great University Center in Georgia.

Passing of the ten million dollar mark in the project was recently announced by Dr. Harvey W. Cox, president of Emory. The original goal, when the University Center movement was inaugurated in 1936, was \$7,500,000. Although public solicitation did not begin until 1940, this amount has been over-subscribed and the \$10,027,000 raised to date is described as "the largest sum ever raised in any single educational effort in the South."

The University Center includes the co-operation of the Atlanta Art Association (High Museum), Columbia Seminary, Georgia Tech, and the University of Georgia.

Educational opportunities envisioned in the University Center Plan include: A graduate school of the first rank, capable of giving the Ph.D. degree in certain important fields; co-ordinated programs in training, research, and service for business, public administration, and social work; a regional medical center, with improved hospital service and with means for training public health personnel; expanded schools of theology, law, and library science; improved teacher-education, and expanded work in the fine arts and sciences; enrichment of library

resources and a free interchange of facilities.

Ohio Wesleyan Makes Curriculum Changes

High school students who entered Ohio Wesleyan University (Delaware, Ohio) at the beginning of the second semester, February 2, will be able to complete their work in three and one-half years, or by the time they become twenty years of age, according to announcement of President H. J. Burgstahler.

To meet the needs of today, Ohio Wesleyan has added a number of new courses and revised the emphasis in some existing courses. The aim of the changes in curriculum is to provide training that will prove valuable both in the national emergency and in the peace-time which will follow.

New and revised courses include: American Diplomacy, Democracy and the Defense problem, Economic Causes of World War II, Ethics of Democracy, First Aid, Geometric Optics and Photography, Home Nursing, Latin American Governments, Meteorology, Modern History of the Far East, Navigation, Personnel Management, Psychology of Adjustment, Secretarial Science, Spanish—conversational, Radio and Communications, Work of Foreign Correspondents.

Singing in the Grain

Students in sight singing at Ohio Northern University (Ada, Ohio), led by Prof. Harold G. Davidson, have learned that "buckwheat" singing does not mean singing out for an order of buckwheat cakes, or

even singing in a buckwheat field, but refers to singing from shaped notes. Because of their similarity to the grain's angular kernel the notes are called "buckwheats" and represent an interesting phase of musical Americana, reminiscent of early singing schools before the round notes of modern music came into vogue.

Living Endowment

Receiving its first gift from one of the national Educational Foundations, Scarritt College has announced that the General Education Board in New York City has appropriated \$50,000 to Scarritt's Living Endowment fund, \$10,000 a year for a five-year period, on condition that the college will raise an additional \$15,000 a year for five years.

Emory Geared for Defense

Student body, faculty, and curriculum of Emory University (Ga.) have been organized for national defense under the leadership of President Harvey W. Cox.

Of the 20 courses which have been inaugurated for carrying out local defense precautions, 15 are open to the public, and students have been assigned work in the fields in which they are particularly interested or qualified. Members of the faculty who are teaching additional courses at odd hours are giving their services without remuneration.

In addition to the educational preparation through special courses a volunteer guard from the student body is being trained in special duties of policing the campus and in first aid. There are fire wardens for every building on the campus. The emergency engineering corps and campus fire wardens have charge of repairing damage and directing substitutions for damaged property. Medical units are working in co-

operation with the committee on Health and Hospitalization. The Health committee is creating a blood bank for emergency needs.

"Emory approaches the responsibilities of the present emergency in the spirit of preparedness, and while it is hoped that the defense unit will not have to be called into actual service, it is being held in readiness for any eventuality," university officials said.

Blind Girl Begins Journalism Course at Northwestern U

One of the first students to register for the new Medill school of Journalism at Northwestern (Evanston, Ill.), is Helen Montague, 21, petite, pretty, and—blind.

With the aid of her "Master-Eye" dog, Launcelot, who will attend all of Helen's classes, she begins a career aimed at helping others to hear the story of those who cannot see.

Launcelot's first lesson will be to learn Helen's itinerary. When she has a class in the Commerce building, she will say, "Commerce, Commerce," and the dog, by conditioned association will direct her to that building. After a few weeks of training, he will know his way through her route, including her living quarters in Lee Hall, and will need only prompting to lead her to each stop. In classrooms, Launcelot will lie quietly at his mistress' feet until dismissal. He is a German shepherd, the gift of the Central Lion's Club of Chicago.

Helen's ambition is to be a radio script writer on one of the big chains. "I would like to write of my experiences with guide dogs. I want the script to have sympathy for the dog and his mistress, but not the kind of sympathy that is pity," she says.

A native of Keokuk, Iowa, Helen

is the youngest of five daughters. She is 5 feet, 1½ inches tall and weighs 95 pounds. She holds a State scholarship for the blind, which was awarded her when she graduated from Marshall High School in Chicago.

Duke Medicos to Complete Work in Three-Year Course

Duke University School of Medicine (Durham, N. C.), in order to accelerate its course for the war emergency and produce more medical graduates, has decided to operate on a three-year basis. The next first-year class will register on July 6, and a new class of 68 students will be admitted every nine months.

New arrangements will require no teaching or curriculum reorganization since the elective three-year medical course has been in operation since 1930.

Intramural Athletic Program Proves Success at Hendrix

"No regrets."

That is the verdict of coach, student body, and faculty of Hendrix College (Conway, Ark.), commenting upon the discontinuance of intercollegiate football, which occasioned wide notice about a year ago. On the other hand, the new program of enlarged health and recreation which has been substituted has been more successful than anticipated, they say.

According to Coach Ivan H. Grove, 93 per cent of the men students and 86 per cent of the women are participating in some form of the extended intramural program.

Educational Process Speeded

Cancellation of the spring recess, rearrangement of the curriculum and a lengthened summer school will make it possible for competent students of Mount Union College (Al-

liance, Ohio), to meet the requirements for graduation in two and a half years, without in any way lowering the academic standards or changing the entrance requirements, it has been announced by President Charles B. Ketcham. The plan has been launched especially to enable high school graduates who are under eighteen years of age to complete their college training prior to attaining draft age.

Under the recently announced plan a student may complete the ordinary four-year course leading to any one of Mount Union's four degrees, in 27 months.

Bethune-Cookman College Starts Drive for \$1,200,000

President Mary McLeod Bethune and the Board of Trustees of Bethune-Cookman College on March 2 launched a nation-wide drive for \$1,200,000. A beginning subscription of \$50,000 was announced. Doctor M. S. Davage and the Department of Financial Service of the Board of Education are co-operating with Mrs. Bethune in the conduct of the campaign. These funds when secured will either build or add to seven buildings on the Bethune-Cookman campus at Daytona Beach and will raise the total endowment of the college to \$1,000,000.

Lambuth College Seeks \$500,000

At the Memphis Annual Conference in November, 1941, Lambuth College was authorized to proceed on a campaign for \$500,000 for the liquidation of certain debts, some additions to their physical equipment and an endowment of \$300,000. The trustees' meeting in February named a campaign committee of seven to be in charge of the campaign. On recommendation of the Department of Financial Service this committee has employed A. Ivan Pelter as

campaign director, and has already begun work on organization and the securing of special gifts. The general campaign will be held in the early fall.

Brevard College Seeking \$425,000

After securing approximately \$75,000 toward its larger goal, Brevard College recently concentrated its attention on Brevard College Day throughout the Western North Carolina Conference. This special observance in the interest of the hundreds of young people who are working their way through this self-help college has resulted, according to President Coltrane, in producing almost \$10,000 and has been invaluable in spreading knowledge of the work of the College among Methodists all over the Conference. Two men from the Department of Financial Service of the Board of Education, Messrs. R. N. Watts and Howard Hubbell, are co-operating with Doctor Coltrane in his campaign.

Greensboro College Reconstructing Burned Building

Doctor Luther L. Gobbel with the help of Mr. Frank Devendorf of the Department of Financial Service of the Board of Education has raised the money needed for the reconstruction on new lines of the recently burned Main Hall of the College. The reconstruction is now in process. Efforts are being continued to complete the \$150,000 fixed as the original goal.

New College Presidents

Three Methodist colleges have recently announced the election of new presidents. Doctor Charles E. Schofield, President of Iliff School of Theology, has recently been elected

president of Southwestern College, Winfield, Kansas. He will take office at commencement. Doctor J. N. R. Score, for several years pastor of First Methodist Church, Fort Worth, has recently become President of Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas; and Doctor E. E. Voigt, for some time pastor of First Methodist Church, Iowa City, Iowa, has recently gone to the presidency of Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MAGAZINE hopes to present these new presidents at greater length in the near future.

Seven Methodist Colleges Join National Conference

At the annual meeting of the National Conference of Church-Related Colleges held in Baltimore, Maryland, January 5, the following Methodist institutions were voted membership in the organization: Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, Florida; Emory and Henry College, Emory, Virginia; Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas; LaGrange College, LaGrange, Georgia; Lander College, Greenwood, South Carolina; Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Pfeiffer Junior College, Meisenheimer, North Carolina.

Unique Religious Emphasis Program

Religious Emphasis Week at Albion College, Albion, Michigan, was observed in an unusual manner in February when five members of the Yinger family, all alumni of Albion and widely known for their religious leadership, pooled a variety of special talents in the conduct of the services and in numerous small group sessions.

The Yingers came to Albion from widely separated points: Reverend

and Mrs. Clement Yinger, from Haverhill, Massachusetts; Reverend Homer Yinger from LaCrosse, Wisconsin; Reverend Paul Yinger from Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Marian Yinger Copenhaver from New York City; and Reverend and Mrs. Dempster Yinger from Albion.

C. P. S. Wins Forensic Honors

College of Puget Sound (Tacoma, Washington) hung up a record in Public Speaking in February which is as unusual as it is enviable. In the Pacific Northwest Tournament their Junior Men's Debate Team won ten straight rounds without an adverse decision, easily capturing first place in the meet. The College of Puget Sound team in direct clash debating also won first place. Second place in junior college women's oratory went to C. P. S., as did also second place in junior college wom-

en's extempore speaking and third place in senior women's oratory. Additional fourth and fifth places were also won by C. P. S. contestants.

Several handsome trophies awarded to the successful contestants now grace the trophy collection at College of Puget Sound.

Under the direction of its music head Bennett College (Greensboro, N. C.) orchestra numbering forty pieces conducted a good will tour through the Carolinas during March.

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Northwestern University, Evanston, Eddie Firestone, sophomore, Illinois, at twenty has had ten years of professional radio work and stars in his own show, "That Brewster Boy," which goes out over the ether waves in a coast to coast hookup every Monday night.



THE YINGER FAMILY WHO CONDUCTED
RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS WEEK AT ALBION COLLEGE
STANDING: REV. CLEMENT YINGER, REV. G. DEMPSTER YINGER
SEATED: REV. HOMER YINGER, MRS. MARIAN YINGER COPENHAVER,
AND REV. PAUL YINGER

Newsy Odds and Ends

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Stephen John Lach, of Altoona, Penn., "double triple-threat" half-back gridiron hero who sparked Duke University's (Durham, N. C.) Blue Devils to an undefeated football season in 1941, and was a hero in his team's Rose Bowl defeat at the hands of Oregon State, received the Lewis E. Teague Memorial Trophy, given annually to the outstanding amateur athlete of the Carolinas. At the same time, Mrs. Estelle Lawson Page, golfing housewife and former national women's links champion, received a twin trophy for her contribution to amateur athletics in the Carolinas.

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Patriotism was in full feather at Boston University's February dance as flower corsages were banned and large red feathers substituted. More than \$40 was collected from assessments levied as a patriotic contribution on escorts whose girls proudly flaunted the feather shoulder bouquets.

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Under two flags were the students of Adrian College (Adrian, Mich.) at dedication ceremonies commemorating the presentation of a Christian flag by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of The Methodist Church of Adrian, and a United States flag presented by the local D.A.R. Chapter.

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To help prospective teachers obtain the 24 credits in education and the major and two minors required for certification, a special evening and summer school program has been launched by Billings Polytechnic Institute (Billings, Mont.) in an effort to meet a teacher shortage

caused by so many men having been called to the colors.

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Oldest living graduate of Willamette University (Salem, Ore.), Ellen J. Chamberlain, of the class of '68, was awarded the honorary degree of doctor of letters as a climax to recent ceremonies launching the university's second century of service.

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Under the sponsorship of the Lander College alumnae association, a metal marker, designed by the South Carolina Historical Commission, was unveiled on the spot, in Williamston, S. C., on which stood the original college founded by the late Dr. Samuel Lander in 1872. Lander College was moved to Greenwood, S. C., in 1904.

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After a lapse of thirty-four years compulsory military training is back at Vermont Junior College (Montpelier, Vt.). Beginning with the second semester, February 2, three hours a week military instruction is required of all college men, and college women will be required to take the standard and advanced Red Cross courses in first aid. From Civil War days until 1908 military training was required of all freshmen at this 108-year-old institution.

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Honoring Ike Lewis, late chef at LaGrange College (LaGrange, Ga.), memorial services were held by the student Y.W.C.A. at the college on February 8. A bronze tablet in the dining hall, unveiled by the granddaughter of the chef, bore the inscription: "This tablet is erected by the Y.W.C.A. in appreciation of Ike Lewis, chef at LaGrange College

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for 33 years, until his passing on Easter Sunday, 1941. He was a loyal servant, a noble spirit, a faithful friend."

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More than 150 students at Adrian College (Adrian, Mich.) responded generously when asked by the Red Cross to donate blood to be kept in banks for wounded American soldiers.

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Two college presidents, Dr. Y. C. Yang, president of Soochow University (China) and Bishop Arthur J. Moore, president of Wesleyan College (Macon, Ga.), delivered the Quillian and the Jarrell lectures, respectively, at Emory University (Ga.) during the university's recent Ministers' Week.

Under the joint auspices of Wiley College Carnegie Library (Marshall, Tex.) and the county educational system, a Book-Mobile Library will serve the reading needs of the county. Attention will be given primarily to books for children. The college has 200 books which it plans to circulate among rural children, and the county superintendent has donated 150 more. It is hoped that a plan can be worked out by which this service can be made available to adults.

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Dakota Wesleyan University (Mitchell, S. D.), has acquired for its museum Indian relics and bead work said to antedate the coming of the first white man. The relics consist of aboriginal art from the old



A group of leaders in attendance at the meeting of the Association of Schools and Colleges of The Methodist Church, Baltimore, Maryland, January 5 and 6, 1942. Left to right, standing: Doctor Harry W. McPherson, Executive Secretary, Division of Educational Institutions, Board of Education, Nashville, Tennessee; Doctor John L. Seaton, President of Albion College, Albion, Michigan, and President of the University Senate; Doctor Herbert J. Burgstahler, President of Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio; Doctor Arlo A. Brown, President Drew University, Madison, New Jersey; Doctor Umphrey Lee, President Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, and President of the Association in 1941. Seated, Bishop Adna Wright Leonard, Washington, D. C.; Bishop G. Bromley Oxnham, Boston, Massachusetts.

site of Ree Indian village located on the shores of Lake Mitchell and bead work of the Sioux Indians.

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The course, "Fundamentals of Military, Naval and Civilian Defense," offered by Boston University, will count as two semester hours for a degree credit. The course is open to all men students in the university, except those already enrolled in the R.O.T.C. infantry unit.

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With officials of Duke University (Durham, N. C.) and the Durham Chamber of Commerce as co-sponsors of the Southern High School invitational tournament, the fourth annual "Tournament of Champions" took place March 13 and 14 in Duke's indoor stadium seating 9,500. Eight outstanding scholastic teams received bids to participate in what has become one of the top-ranking events of its kind in the country.

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A nine weeks' night school schedule has been inaugurated at Iowa Wesleyan College (Mt. Pleasant, Ia.). Students may earn two hours of college credit upon the successful completion of the course.

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Dividing its scholastic year into trimesters, Dickinson College (Carlisle, Penn.), has inaugurated an all-year program of studies, enabling students to graduate in three years or less.

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A recently acquired exhibit in the A. V. Lane Museum at Southern Methodist University (Dallas, Tex.), is the pen used by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in signing the War Powers Act. The pen is a gift of the Hon. Hatton W. Summers, Congressman from Dallas who introduced the bill, officially titled "To Expedite the Prosecution of the

War Effort." A copy of the bill accompanied the gift.

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THE REV. DR. GIDEON I. HUMPHREYS
President High Point College
High Point, N. C.

President Gideon I. Humphreys, of High Point College, N. C., was chosen to head the Association of Methodist Schools and Colleges at its annual meeting in Baltimore, January 5-6. He succeeds President Umphrey Lee, of Southern Methodist University. Other officers chosen were: Vice-president, Dr. Clyde E. Wildman, president of De Pauw University, Greencastle, Ind.; secretary, Mr. Boyd M. McKeown, of the Board of Education, Nashville; treasurer, Dr. Charles B. Ketcham, president, Mt. Union College, Alliance, Ohio.

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Courtney Guild, Boston University trustee and prominent Boston business executive, has continued a

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hobby begun by his father, Curtis Guild, in the 60's, of collecting autographs of famous personages, dating from the time of Henry VIII through President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The collection includes the signature of every United States President from George Washington down to F. D. R. One of Mr. Guild's most valuable signatures is that of Martha Washington, which is one of her four authentic autographs known to be in existence.

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Pioneering in a new field of community service, Bennett College (Greensboro, N. C.) announced recently the establishment of a Consumer Information Center on its campus, to serve individual families in its vicinity, as well as schools, churches and club groups throughout the state.

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Religious Emphasis week was observed at Central College (Fayette, Mo.), March 3-8, with Dr. William K. Anderson, Nashville, Tenn., Educational Director of the Commission on Courses of Study as guest speaker.

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Participating in a Methodist-wide Race Relations Day cultivation, Wiley College (Marshall, Tex.), established contacts with approximately 2,000 pastors in ten conferences in the interest of developing better understanding and closer relationships between the races.

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"Refresher" courses for former teachers preparing to re-enter the teaching field are now being offered by Dakota Wesleyan University (Mitchell, S. D.). In addition, the university is offering a one-year normal course leading to the first-grade certificate, in order to help meet the need for rural teachers.

Two surveys, one to check up on the church attendance and the other to gauge the patriotism of its students have been conducted recently by MacMurray College (Jacksonville, Ill.). In a poll of the students answering the question, "Do you attend church regularly?" it was found that an overwhelming majority of students of the college attend church regularly and have an interest in religious affairs. The other survey, conducted in an effort to determine the extent to which the 635 students participated in the campaign to buy defense stamps and bonds, revealed that 72 per cent of the members of the graduating class had either purchased defense stamps or bonds or were saving toward the purchase of a defense bond.

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Forty-five students from sixteen foreign countries and three United States possessions are enrolled in eight of Boston University's eleven departments for the University's 73rd academic year.

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Wesleyan University (Middletown, Conn.) announces the creation of eight scholarships amounting to \$450 each, for candidates from public high schools in Connecticut. Purpose of the scholarships is to make it financially possible for needy Connecticut students to obtain an education at Wesleyan. Awards will be made on the basis of character, personality, and academic accomplishment, to those students who indicate the greatest promise of collegiate success.

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Now completing their first and fifth semesters respectively at Hendrix College (Conway, Ark.), Walter Levy and Arnold Nachman, Jewish refugees from Germany, are making unusually good records. Levy is active in language and dra-

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matic clubs. Nachman came to Hendrix in 1939 through the efforts of the International Student Service and the Hendrix Christian Association. Both students speak several languages.

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A Folk Dance Institute sponsored by the Mount Vernon Student Association has been formed by the theology students of Boston University. Purpose of the institute is to teach ministerial students folk and square dancing so that they may be able to promote their own recreational dances for young people at their future churches.

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Last-minute contributions of over fifty dollars boosted to a final total of \$557.63 the amount raised by Bennett College (Greensboro, N. C.) students toward the endowment fund of the college, and marked the conclusion of a student campaign to raise \$500 of the \$300,000 which Bennett needs to secure a conditional grant of \$200,000 from the General Education Board of New York City.

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A cash prize of ten dollars will be awarded by the Education Club of Dakota Wesleyan University (Mitchell, S. D.) to that member of the Freshman class, outstanding in scholastic attainment, moral character, and promise of professional success. The prize is conditioned upon enrolment in the two-year education course and membership in the Education Club.

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Wiley College (Marshall, Tex.) has purchased a new 16-millimeter projector and moving picture machine to be used in visual aid classes and to give weekly picture shows for the entire student body.

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Four new night classes have been

added to the curriculum of Adrian College (Adrian, Mich.). A special course in speech with emphasis on its application in business will be offered by the speech department. Classes in federal taxation, production management, and Red Cross first aid were added at the request of the federal government in line with the defense effort.

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A gift of \$50,000 will make possible the establishment of a library of films on medical education for the Medical School of Northwestern University (Evanston, Ill.). The amount was presented by the families of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Schweppe.

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In a practical way the Augusta Negro community has recently shown its interest in the proposal to erect a library building at Paine College, Augusta, Georgia, as a memorial to the late Bishop Warren A. Candler, of Atlanta. In the campaign for funds to serve as a part of the amount necessary to match the \$50,000 appropriated by the General Education Board of New York City, these fine people have pledged the sum of \$10,000.

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Approximately 500 alumni and friends of Iowa Wesleyan College (Mt. Pleasant, Ia.) celebrated the institution's 100th anniversary with a Century banquet and program on the 17th of February. The climax of the centennial celebration will take place during commencement, June 5-8.

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Recent gifts to Mount Union College, Alliance, Ohio, include the \$90,000 estate of Mrs. Catherine Dussel, and an anonymous gift of \$10,000 for the remodeling and re-furnishing of the new Student Union Building.

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Are Best Known by Their Fruits

A regular feature honoring representative young alumni and alumnae of Methodist colleges. Nominations are invited from our colleges or from any friend of Christian education

Presenting

Clarence Seidenspinner

Northwestern University,
B.S.—'25

Garrett Biblical Institute,
B.D.—'28

Present address, Racine, Wisconsin



Naturally most graduates of a school for the training of ministers follow the long-established and widely prevalent practices of the profession. Not infrequently, however, one of the neophytes ventures forth with the dream of creating new patterns and developing new models. He is anxious to retain the essence of the old order, but is determined to re-clothe it in the garments of today rather than yesterday, or, better yet, of tomorrow rather than today. The subject of this brief sketch has done that very thing; and to the credit of his ecclesiastical leaders and of the laity in three congregations, he has found freedom to do this creative work unhindered.

Clarence Seidenspinner was born in Kiel, Wisconsin, February 15, 1904. After graduation from Sheboygan High School, he entered Northwestern University, from which institution he received the Bachelor of Science degree in 1925. Three years later he was given the Bachelor of Divinity Degree by Garrett Biblical Institute. Following his graduation he served the congregation of the Methodist Church in Oconomowoc and Ripon, Wisconsin. He now ministers to the people of First Church, Racine. In each of these pastorates he has led his people forward into new understandings of our faith and into new formulations of worship through which that faith is implemented.

The literary justification of the statements made above may be found in some of the articles contributed by Clarence Seidenspinner to the *Christian Century* and the *Christian Advocate*. The spirit of his work is radiated in a lovely little book entitled *Our Dwelling Place*, in which he collaborated with a distinguished artist. A more ambitious volume, *Form and Freedom in Worship*, may be taken as a declaration of the author's expectations concerning the still unexplored world of worship. As a natural result of this literary work, the writer has been widely recognized as a leader in this field and is being called upon with increasing frequency as lecturer and leader in conferences on worship.

One other development in the work of Clarence Seidenspinner should be noted. He has found time to read and comprehend several fields of literature not often explored by men in the ministry. Among the first of our group to read Thomas Mann intensively, he has done much to introduce that author to a wide church constituency. Because of his fine ability to interpret many of the modern poets and other writers, he is now giving a course at Garrett Biblical Institute on "The Preaching Value of Recent American Literature."

